

Be it remembered that at the Regular Meeting of the Luna County Board of County Commissioners in Deming New Mexico, on the 10th day of June, 2021, the following proceedings were had and entered of record.

PROCLAMATION 21-05

SUPPORTING REPAYING THE RURAL BORDERLAND ACT

WHEREAS, Luna County is one of three New Mexico Counties forming the 180 mile border with the Republic of Mexico, with 60 miles of border lying within Luna County;

WHEREAS, the border between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico is the most frequently legally and illegally crossed international boundary in the world;

WHEREAS, Luna County has long suffered the consequences of illegal border crossings, inconsistent immigration enforcement and ill-advised federal government policies;

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone, the Federal Government began releasing thousands of asylum seekers in Luna County without regard for the ability of the asylees to care for themselves or for Luna County to accommodate the large number of asylees released into the community which resulted in at least \$250,000.00 in direct costs to Luna County trying to mitigate the humanitarian crisis created as a result; and

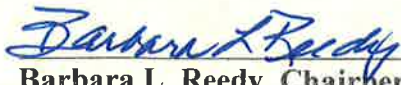
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County supports all efforts to recognize and address the strain on our community due to illegal immigration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County, on behalf of employees and citizens of Luna County, declares its support for the Repaying the Rural Borderland Act of 2021 proposed by Representative Yvette Herrell (R-NM).

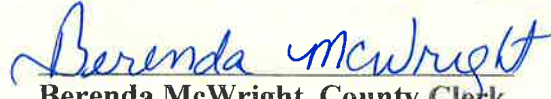
Done at Deming, New Mexico this 10th day of June, 2021

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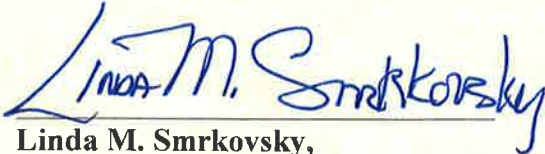
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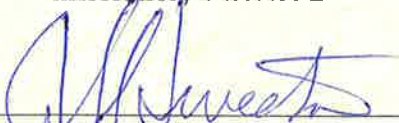
Barbara L. Reedy, Chairperson
Commissioner, District 1



Berenda McWright, County Clerk



Linda M. Smrkovsky,
Commissioner, District 2



John S. Sweetser,
Commissioner, District 3

